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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.

#### AMERICAN FEELING REGARDING JAPANESE CLAIMS.

London, January 28.  
The *Daily Chronicle* correspondent at Paris, writing on the 27th inst., says:—At today's Colonial discussion, President Wilson advocated the internationalisation of the German Colonies. I believe the British Imperial Cabinet meets to-night to consider the reply to his case. The British attitude is liberal and throughout the discussion the principle of supervision by a future Council of the League of Nations will not be lost sight of.  
The *Daily Mail* correspondent in Paris says Mr. Hughes, General Botha and two Chinese delegates have been invited to join in the discussion by the Great Powers regarding the proposals concerning the Colonies in which they are interested. The British do not object to President Wilson's plan of internationalisation as regards German East Africa, Togoland and the Cameroons, though the French and Portuguese do not acquiesce. American opinion here is that if President Wilson returns to the United States after agreeing to the cession of the Carolines and Marshall Islands to Japan, he will lose all the votes in the Middle and Far West. The whole voice of the British Empire at the Conference supports the Australian, New Zealand and South African claims and has also agreed to Japanese retention of the Carolines and Marshall Islands and equatorial delimitation. The Great Powers propose to settle the matter of the German Colonies without reference to Commissions or the Plenary Conference.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

#### BRITISH DELEGATES AGAIN MEET.

London, January 28.  
A communique from Paris, dated today, says the British Empire Delegation met this afternoon. Mr. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil were present, as well as those attending yesterday's meeting.

### THE SHIPPING SITUATION.

#### ATLANTIC FREIGHTS REDUCED.

London, January 28.  
Trans-Atlantic freights have been reduced by 65.2/3 per cent.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE PEACE PRELIMINARIES.

#### FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.

London, Jan. 28.  
The "Times" correspondent at Paris reports (Jan. 27): The British Dominions delegates were warned that their presence might be required at the discussion on the German colonies, but the morning passed without their receiving an invitation. The proceedings in the morning were occupied with Eastern and European questions. The Powers in the afternoon discussed the German colonies, when the Chinese Foreign Minister attended. The general question of German colonies in Africa has progressed greatly towards agreement. It is clear that there will be no great cause for difference of opinion here. The unconditional right of South Africa to remain in possession of German South-West Africa is admitted. German East Africa will probably be handed over to Britain as mandatory of the League of Nations.

#### IMPORTANT MEETING.

London, Jan. 27.  
A communique from Paris states that representatives of the Five Great Powers this morning defined the program of work and the constitution of new committees for economic and financial questions, also questions of private and maritime law. In the afternoon they continued to exchange views on the former German colonies in the Pacific and Far East. Representatives of the Dominions and China were heard.

#### THE POLISH QUESTION.

Paris, Jan. 27.  
At today's meeting of representatives of the Five Great Powers mentioned in the communique, M. Pichon submitted drafts of instructions to be given to the proposed commission for Poland.

#### MORE STRIKES AT HOME.

London, Jan. 28.  
The threatened general strike in Scotland for a forty-hour week opened on the Clyde yesterday when 20,000 shipyard workers came out, but the stoppage is in no way general, the municipal employees abstaining. The bakers are postponing their strike pending further negotiations. Five thousand engineers are out in Edinburgh and Leith but the Rosyth dockyard disappointed the strikers, the men deciding to secure forty hours by constitutional means. The strike in the Fifeshire collieries is collapsing. Twelve thousand ship repairers and dockers struck in London and four thousand in Manchester. The situation at Belfast is most serious the idling of the factories owing to lack of electricity and gas bringing numbers out last evening up to sixty thousand, including the bakers, while the grave dangers struck in sympathy with the demand for a forty-four hour week. Most of the strikes are not authorized by the Unions.  
A disappointing feature of the Clyde strike yesterday was the stoppage of the flour mills. A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Scottish Trades Union Congress telegraphed to the Minister for Labour urging him to visit Glasgow in view of the critical situation. The strikers, who have threatened their intention to pay no rents, are not at all in favour of the movement. The leaders asserted that forty thousand votes out last evening.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### FOOD FOR AUSTRIANS.

Vienna, Jan. 28.  
The second trainload of food from the British Army in Italy has left Vienna for free distribution to the poor of Vienna. Arrangements have been completed with Italy for regular consignments of food for Vienna.

### NORTH-WEST GERMAN REPUBLIC.

Amsterdam, Jan. 28.  
A congress of delegates representing Dusseldorf, Leipzig, Essen, Celle, Hanover, Hamburg, Hildesheim, Oldenburg, Cruxhaven and Bremen, held at Brunswick, resolved to form a North-West German Republic, controlled by Soviets. The speakers declared that the Federation would separate from the rest of Germany unless the Government of the latter was based on the Soviet.

### THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.  
A Berlin message (Jan. 26) states that the Berlin elections for the Prussian National Assembly passed off quietly, fewer voted than at the previous Sunday's elections.  
Basle, Jan. 27.  
A message from Berlin (Jan. 27) states that the following are the final amended results of the elections for the German National Assembly: Social Democrats, 185; Centrists, 91; Democrats, 75; Conservatives, 33; National Liberals, 22; Independents, 23; Other parties, 8.

### INTERNATIONAL LABOUR PROBLEMS.

London, Jan. 27.  
A communique from Paris (Jan. 27) states that the Government has invited five prominent Trade Unionists, namely Messrs. Henderson, Thomas, Bowerman, Ranning and Shirkin to go to Paris to consider proposals on matters affecting conditions of employment from the international aspect. Consultations between the above and the British representatives on the Commission on International Labour Regulation will take place to-day and to-morrow and the results of the deliberations will be laid before the Commission. The delegates met this morning when there was a general agreement regarding the main lines to be pursued. The Dominion Labour representatives will be included in the meeting to-morrow.

### DEMOBILISING U. S. ARMY.

Washington, Jan. 27.  
General March stated that shipping arrangements have been concluded whereby 300,000 Americans could be returned monthly. President Wilson would decide on the size of the American Army of Occupation, but America's suggested contribution was ten divisions. General March favoured a standing army of half a million. He did not expect it would ever be reduced below this figure.

### IRISH POLITICS.

London, Jan. 28.  
As a result of a breach in the ranks of the Irish Unionist Alliance a new anti-Partition League has been formed. Mr. Middleton, the chairman, is determined to maintain the Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Sixty prominent Southern Irish Unionists have joined the League.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Jan. 29.  
The silver market is steady.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### QUESTIONS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

#### REPLIES TO MR. HOLYOAK'S QUERIES.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon, when those present were:—  
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.).  
H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Victoria Hospital (Major-General F. Ventris).  
The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.  
The Hon. Mr. C. Mc I. Messer, Colonial Treasurer.  
The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works.  
The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, O.B.E., Capt. Superintendent of Police.  
The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.  
The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.  
The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.  
The Hon. Mr. B. G. Shewan.  
Mr. A. Dyer Ball, (Clerk of Council).

#### NEW MEMBER.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Hon. Mr. B. G. Shewan was sworn in as a member.

#### NO LEGISLATION.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government said the meeting had been called

although there was no legislation at present, for the purpose of answering certain questions since the Honourable member had asked that when questions were asked there should be no delay in answering. As it is the first meeting of the year it is usual to appoint the committees.

#### NEW COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed.—Finance Committee.—The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (Chairman), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, the Honourable the Attorney General, the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Honourable the Director of Public Works, the Honourable the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Honourable Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Honourable Mr. D. Landale, the Honourable Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Honourable Mr. Ho Fook and the Honourable Mr. B. G. Shewan.

Public Works Committee.—The Honourable the Director of Public Works (Chairman), the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Honourable Mr. Ho Fook and the Honourable Mr. B. G. Shewan.

Standing Law Committee.—The Honourable the Attorney General (Chairman), the Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Honourable Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Honourable Mr. Lau Chu Pak and the Honourable Mr. D. Landale.

The following financial minutes, recommended by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved:—

\$3,500 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department A.—Harbour Office, special expenditure, acquisition and re-arrangement of moorings in Victoria Harbour.

\$540 in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, rent of underground telegraph lines.

\$1,170 in aid of the vote Medical Department, A.—Staff, other charges, conveyance allowances to matron, sisters, and probationers.

\$500 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, charitable allowances to Shin Lok-shang, son of Sin Yau-wai, late of the Education Department.

\$536.64 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Charitable Pension.

\$102 in aid of the vote Royal Observatory, special expenditure, typewriter.

\$2,200 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, miscellaneous, shelter in children's playground.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, miscellaneous, (47) miscellaneous works.

MR. HOLYOAK'S QUESTIONS.  
The Hon. Mr. D. Landale, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak asked the following questions:—

1. What steps has the Government taken and what further steps does the Government propose to take to obtain the prompt release from Military Service of men sent to India under the "General Military Service Ordinance, 1918"?—

2. Will the Government arrange for a supply of pneumatic tired modern rickshaws for the Colony and state the maximum price in fares it is prepared to allow for a minimum distance?—

3. What steps have been taken to carry out the wishes of the Unofficial Members expressed during the "Budget Debate" on the 17th October last to improve the general condition of the Sai Ying Pun School?—

4. What steps have been taken by the Government to revise the Civil Service salaries and conditions of service?—

5. Is it not a fact that for some time past, owing to the illness of the "P.C.M.O.", there has been no practicing resident Physician or Surgeon at the Victoria Hospital, Barker Road and that patients are entirely dependent upon daily visits from another medical officer of the Government, and will the Government state what other duties this Medical Officer has to perform?—

6. Will the Government state whether there is at present any system for searching passengers and passengers' luggage entering the Colony, whether by boat or train, for arms and ammunition? If not, in view of the numerous outrages and armed thefts which have occurred in this Colony, recently will they take immediate steps to provide for such search?—

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. On the 17th December a request was preferred to the Military Authorities that steps might be taken to secure the release of the men from Military Service and their return to Colony as early as a date as possible. On the 18th January a telegram was sent to the Viceroy of India stating that the return of the men was urgently required. A reply was received to this telegram on the 22nd January, to the effect that arrangements were already being made for the early return of the men. The General Officer Commanding the Victoria Hospital received a telegram from the War Office, dated the 18th January, to the effect that the men would

as possible. They would be demobilised but not discharged. In the circumstances it seems unnecessary to take further steps.

2. In June 1918 the Captain Superintendent of Police arranged with the jinrikisha proprietors of Victoria to put ten pneumatic tired jinrikishas at the disposal of Victoria as an experiment. They were hired for three months at ordinary rates after which time they were taken off the streets. They were apparently not a success and the proprietors state that after three months use the tyres were worn out. The present jinrikisha proprietors of Victoria have expressed their willingness to undertake in combination the provision of such new and improved jinrikishas as the Government may think desirable. The Government has the matter under consideration, but it is not at present prepared to formulate a new scale of fares. The Government will be glad to consider any suggestions on the subject that Members of this Council may wish to put forward.

3. No steps have yet been taken because the only effective scheme is to erect a new school on a new site and no suitable site is available at present.

4. A Commission to enquire into the emoluments of the Public Service has recently been appointed. The matter was not dealt with at an earlier date because it was desired to offer a seat on the Commission to Mr. Fide who returned to the Colony on the 23rd January.

5. Dr. Johnson went on sick leave on the 14th December. It was at first thought that his absence from duty would be very temporary, but as soon as it was known that he would be incapacitated for some time the Military Authorities were approached, and they lent the Services of Captain Macaulay, R.A.M.C. From the 14th December to the 8th January Dr. McKenny was in charge of the Victoria Hospital which he visited once, and nearly always twice, daily. During the same period he was Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, and visiting Medical Officer to the Tung Wa Hospital. He was Medical Officer to Victoria Gaol from the 14th to the 20th December, and he had charge of one convalescent patient at Kennedy Town Hospital between the same dates. Captain Macaulay has been in charge of the Victoria Hospital since the 9th January. He lives at the Peak Hotel, and it is proposed that he shall go into residence at the hospital as soon as the quarters there are vacated by Dr. Johnson, who is about to go on long leave. During the period 14th December—9th January the daily average number of patients in the hospital was seven. Dr. McKenny reports that the patients were in no case in such a condition as to be likely to require immediate medical assistance.

6. All steamers, river steamers, boats, and launches arriving in the Colony and some trains arriving at Kowloon are searched for arms and ammunition. It is not possible to search more than a certain percentage of arriving passengers without serious inconvenience to the vessels searched and to the public. The greatest ingenuity is shown as regards methods of concealment, arms being upholstered into chairs, ammunition being placed in false bottoms, and so on, and a completely exhaustive search would involve practically the stripping of each passenger and the destruction of property. Detectives scrutinise passengers arriving both by ship and by train for the purpose of picking out known criminals, persons returning from banishment, and suspicious characters. It must be remembered that the district of Victoria is a very large one, and that some time past British

## DAY BY DAY.

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It has been freely rumoured in the Colony that some of the Hongkong men sent to Kinko under the Military Service Ordinance may be expected back early in March. The question of the men's release was mentioned at today's meeting of the Legislative Council but no intimation was given officially as to the likely date of their return.

The temptation to steal rice is very great at present owing to the high price of this staple. Ten bags of rice were stolen from a junk belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. These bags were eventually found in pig boat. Yesterday a sergeant arrested the M. B. K. allyman, who, it was alleged, gave the rice to two other Chinese. All three were to-day interviewed by Mr. J. R. Wood, who remanded the case.

In the absence of a reliable information bureau, Chinese robbers are likely to make mistakes. An armed robbery took place at 6 a.m. this morning at 125, Main Street, Kowloon City. Three men, armed, rushed into a home but succeeded in stealing only \$3. The gun was hardly worth the candle. They were chased and the only thing that is known of them is that they ran up the hillside.

Mr. Melbourne to Inspector O'Sullivan: "You see he has been 23 years here, and this is the first time you have managed to interview him." It was all over some flowers. A Celestial was hauled up for stealing flowers from a stall in Mercer Street. The defendant recited his own version of the story. He was given, he said, \$1.50 by his younger brother to buy flowers and to re-sell them. He purchased the flowers for 80 cents and when he offered to sell these to the complainant he accused him of stealing them. Asked what he did with the balance of the money, the Celestial informed Mr. Melbourne that he gave his friends a treat and had a hearty meal. The man was fined \$10 or had the alternative of serving 14 days in gaol.

"The European was a bit drunk. He was under the influence of drink," said Inspector Brown. Mr. Melbourne corrected thus: "No, he was forgetful." The story told by the inspector was curious. A ricksha coolie transported a European to the Hongkong Hotel at 2 p.m. yesterday and when the European went in the Chinese watchman at the door noticed that the gentleman had a ring on his finger. After the ricksha coolie received his fare the watchman noticed that the ring was not on the finger. The lukong was immediately called and after the coolie was searched the ring was found in his possession. The gentleman was an officer on the a.s. Hong Bee, which left this morning, and a remand was given for a week.

## DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY: Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m. Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW: Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m. Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

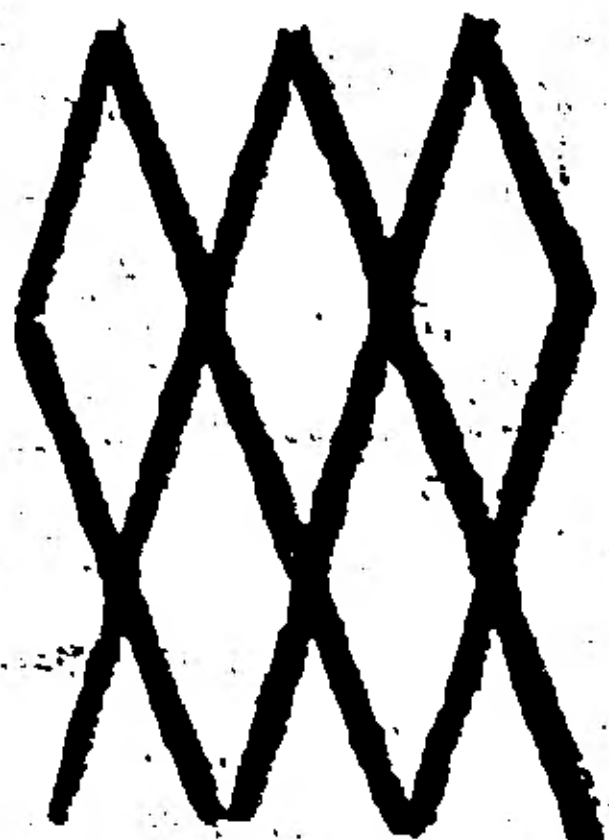
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## GENERAL NEWS.

BETHMANN HOLLWEG ON GERMAN  
GUILT.

Copenhagen, Nov. 28.—Herr von Bethmann Hollweg, in the course of interview with the North-German Gazette, said—President Wilson's 14 points clearly express the opinion that it is really French aspirations to reconquer Alsace-Lorraine that have kept the world in a state of unrest for the last half-century. Our guilt consists in our lack of ability to treat Alsace-Lorraine so gradually as to make the inhabitants forget the change in their allegiance, and at the same time to hinder the great part of the world from feeling that we committed an enormous wrong in 1871—a feeling certainly not general in America and England in 1871. But, above all, we must confess that by the deficiencies of our national character and by the sins of our general behaviour we have contributed to the warlike tension which filled the air for the last 10 years. Words which might be taken as provocation were repeatedly uttered. The Pan-Germans' activities at home and abroad have done us the greatest harm, but, above all, our naval policy brought the most fatal opposition.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING FOR OFFICERS.

A scheme for training officers on demobilisation has been drawn up at Sheffield University, and already some wounded officers are being given instruction. At the annual meeting of the University, Dr. Ripper, the Vice-Chancellor, stated that something like fifteen thousand officers were expected to make requisition for a course of university study. Facilities would also be given to non-commissioned officers to obtain university training. The foreign languages side was to be greatly developed and universities generally would give greater facilities for training in commerce.

## CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

It gave me a considerable shock says a correspondent in the Daily News, to read in a Brazilian paper recently that Robinson Crusoe's island of Juan Fernandez now has a wireless station of its own. But what a wealth of inspiration to the enterprising writer reposes in this bald announcement. Defoe Up-to-Date would be highly popular, I imagine, with the youth of our scientific age. Fancy Friday sending out the S O S from the stockade, while on the sand-bagged roof Crusoe, in gaiters and steel helmet, trains the anti-submarine gun (provisionally recovered from the wreck) against the cannibal aeroplanes.

## NEW ZEALAND'S SOLDIERS.

Sir Joseph Ward, Minister of finance, delivered his Budget statement in the House of Representatives recently. The total war expenditure, he said amounted to £51,400,000 of which £39,250,000 was raised in New Zealand. The Government had purchased 394,000 acres of land for the settlement of discharged soldiers and advanced £191,000 to soldier settlers on the land. War pensions to March 31 numbered 17,000, representing an annual value of £1,122,000.

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## ITALY'S WAR INDEMNITY.

The question of the war indemnity payable to Italy is giving rise to a good deal of discussion in the Press, writes the Rome correspondent of the Central News. The Rivista Politica e Parlamentare asserts that Italy ought to demand at least 90,000,000 of lire (£3,600,000,000) seventy milliards of which would be in repayment of war expenses, ten milliards for damage, and ten milliards on account of stolen material and foodstuffs. The claim would, of course, be almost entirely against Austria-Hungary, and not against Germany.

## CHINA AND GOLD CURRENCY.

According to Japanese report Peking is determined to issue the gold currency bonds in spite of the protests of the Consortium banks. It is said that in return for the money the Peking Government is to receive from the Japanese banks in connection with the Japanese railway loans, the new gold currency bonds instead of the usual Treasury bonds will be issued. The Japanese report is careful to say that to receive such bonds before placing them on the Japanese financial market. Before very long the formal agreement for the Chi-Hui railway loan and the Four Line Loan of the Manchurian and Mongolian railways will be signed in Peking. Iwasa, manager of the Haing Yeh Bank, who represents the Japanese banks, has already arrived in Peking to push matters.

## A PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME

HAPPY WORKMEN AND  
SATISFIED EMPLOYERS.

In the following interview in the Daily Chronicle Mr. Andrew Weir, the Surveyor-General of Supply, discusses the future of commerce and industry, declares that Labour must become the partner of Capital in securing increased production, which will lead to greater wealth and higher wages, and insists on the need of getting rid of suspicion between employers and employed.

I sought him out to get his ideas on the great commercial problems of the future. He tells me that he has no fear of foreign rivalry in trade. He says, for example, that the great shipbuilding industry of this country need not dread competition. We can build cheaper and better than anybody else. When I objected to him that in course of time America might so perfect her machinery as to build cheaper than we could build, he replied, "And what should we be doing?" The twinkle in his eyes was worth a page of statistics.

"I have no fear of the future," he told me, "provided the people of this country are loyal to its interests. There is something in British character which makes scepticism of its future absurd, and perhaps disloyal. This sterling quality is one of our greatest assets. Now when a man is heavily in debt what does he do? What is the first thing to be done? It is to count his assets. We are in debt. Let us count our assets. If we count those assets, the material assets of the British Empire, we see at once that our debt can be discharged.

## SOLVENT BRITAIN.

"There is no nation in the whole world so well placed to discharge its liabilities. We can pay. There is no fear of that. But when we come to count our moral assets, the high intelligence of our skilled workmen, the sobriety of the industrial classes, and the essential honesty of the nation, with its courage, its sense of fair play; not leaving out its humour and cheerfulness, we see at once how enviable is our position in the world, and how foolish is any doubt as to the future."

I asked him what course he would recommend to allay the anxiety in this matter, which tends to paralyse industrial action on a vast and heroic scale. "Lord Leverhulme," he replied, "is quite right in his call for a definite pronouncement by the Government as to the future foundations of British industry. We want confidence, complete confidence, before we can make a real start to pay off our debts and purchase a far better estate with our prosperity. The least touch of Bohemianism in this matter will have an immediate and a ruinous result; capital would go to other countries, and the tremendously intricate fabric of British industry would collapse. That is obvious."

"But there is something more to be said. If Capital has a right to ask for a pronouncement by the Government, so has Labour. Don't let us forget that. I believe that our prosperity would be without a rival in the world if the Prime Minister could establish confidence between Capital and Labour, if he could make Capital feel quite certain that Labour will work with a stout heart and with a real thoroughness, and if he could make Labour feel equally certain that Capital will not rob it of the fruits of its heartiness. Now, can this be done?"

## GETTING RID OF SUSPICION.

"You mean, our we get rid of suspicion in the industrial world?"

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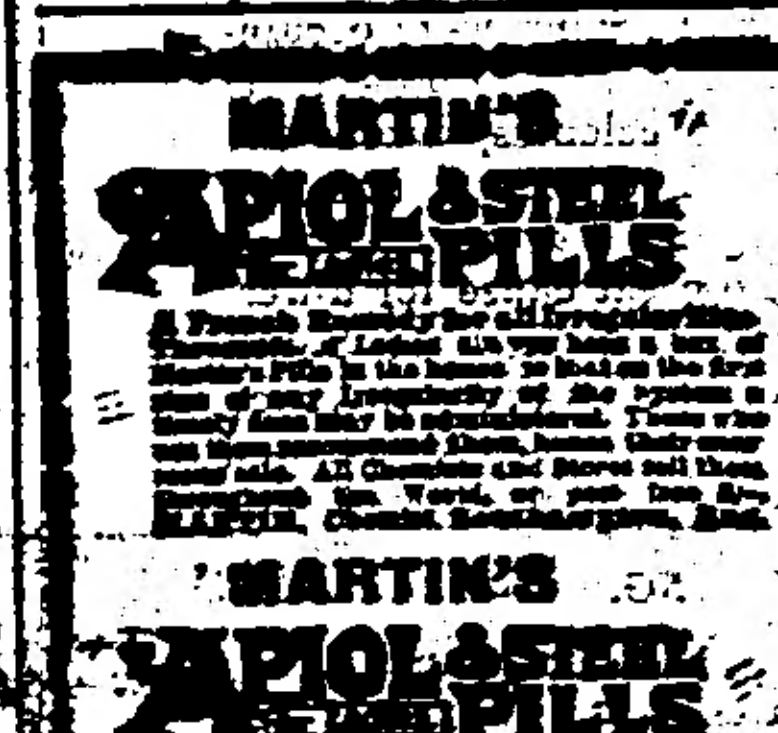
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## A PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME.

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"You use the right word," he replied. "The bane of British industry is suspicion. Suspicion is our worst enemy. Much is to be said for Labour in this respect. Let us recognise it like honest men. Labour has reason for its suspicion. Let us have faith in honesty and set to work to get rid of this paralyzing suspicion. Can we do it? I believe we can. I believe indeed, that a pronouncement by the Prime Minister would give us at once a magnificent start in that direction."

"What would you have him say?" I inquired.

"I would like him," he answered, "to declare that henceforth Labour is to participate in the profits of industry, that the policy of the Government is to have this great end in view, and that to no other industrial end will the Government give a more whole-hearted sympathy. If we get rid of our canny we get rid of the one stumbling block in the way of national prosperity. If our factories produce what they can easily produce, national wealth will be multiplied to an extraordinary degree. This is certain; it admits of no doubt. Now, how can we persuade Labour to abandon the suicidal policy of 'canny', how can we encourage Labour to throw itself with enthusiasm into the work of producing more wealth for the nation? By insuring that it shall get its due share of the additional wealth so produced."

## MEANING OF PROFIT-SHARING.

"Profit-sharing is one method to this great end. Labour must become the partner of Capital. Let us tell Labour that by profit-sharing we do not mean £5 at Christmas. That is absurd. Let us be done with any nonsense of that kind. The profit-sharing I mean is that the Labour contributing to the increased production, which secures increased wealth, shall, in addition to good wages, receive at the end of every week or month a substantial sum as its share."

I interrupted. "But can this really be done?"

"It can."

"Without increasing the price of the product?"

"Yes. The speeding of machinery, the constant improvement of the machine, the increasing intelligence of both management and labour, these will insure high wages, high profits, and a cheapening of the product. Let me explain. Before the war a large percentage of firms never costed their jobs, never knew, that is to say, what the jobs would cost. But now the costing system is universal in all Government contracts. Well, you see what happens. A firm takes a contract for a million pounds. It knows the cost of every single detail of this contract."

"Therefore the management can say to a deputation of labour, 'We have undertaken this contract, allowing in our calculations so many weeks for its completion; if it is finished in less time there will be an additional profit; that profit we propose to divide between management and labour in a proportion to be agreed upon now between you and us; it is worth your while and our while to speed up machinery and get the thing done as quickly as possible consistent with efficiency. PROFIT IN SAVING TIME.'

"This system, you see, makes profit-sharing immediately effective. I lay stress on that. Every week management and labour would know exactly how many hours had been saved, and the profit would show in the wages. A workman who finds that by putting his heart into a job he can earn not only high wages but a high profit in addition, enabling him to live in a better house, to cultivate a bigger garden, to keep more pets, to provide his wife and children with more pleasures, such a man will soon abandon the suicidal policy of 'canny', and will be as proud of his factory as the managing director. We shall have in this way the best workmen in the world, and happiest, and we shall get in time a democracy absolutely

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When a man like this tells us that the future need have no fear for us, but is, on the other hand, full of extraordinary promise, let us ponder his words.

## GERMAN DEBTS TO FRANCE.

France estimates the German debts to her alone at 340,000,000,000 francs! Return of the indemnity of 1871 with interest, 60,000,000,000 francs; expenses in the present war, 140,000,000,000 francs; pensions, 40,000,000,000 francs; and reparation for damages, 100,000,000,000 francs. And that is only the French bill! What will the total be when accounts are rendered by Belgium, England, Serbia, Rumania and Russia? Already there is talk of limiting the assessment to what Germany should be able to pay, and that is only common sense, for by no possible means can more be obtained. Germans can do better with Germany than any other people, but they will do nothing if they are to get absolutely nothing for themselves.

## GENERAL NEWS.

## A WALKING SHOP.

Arrested at the premises of William Whiteley, Ltd., in Queen's-road, Bayswater, with a large black bag in her possession containing 4 eggs, a silk scarf, 2 pairs socks, 1 pair lady's hose, 2 tins potted meat, 1 case of soap, 3 tins sardines, 2 cakes, 1 box of cigarettes, a tobacco pouch, 4 ladies' collars, 2 books, 1 silver frame, 4 plated articles, a china soap dish, a brush, and a pair of eyeglasses, Louisa Mortlock, 56, a widow, living in Cambridge-terrace, Hyde Park, was at Marylebone recently sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## ARTIST'S MODEL &amp; DIPLOMAT'S SON.

An artist's model, who used to pose for the late Sir Alma Tadema, was awarded £250 and costs at the London Sheriff's Court recently for breach of promise of marriage. Plaintiff was Frances Mary Ruff, of Apache-road, Brighton, and defendant Sten Andersen Eiske de Bille, son of a former Danish Minister in London who signed the marriage contract between King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Miss Ruff explained that it was a case of love at first sight, and that defendant must have spent hundreds of pounds on entertaining her. He said his income was about £800 a year. Last May she received a letter in which he said: "I tried to give away something which was not mine to give. It was unfair and wrong, but the consequences would be far more wrong to you, and life would be a hell to both of us. Defendant admitted the engagement. He said he had no income except £5 a week which he earned in the Censor's Department."

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### A STANDING ARMY.

Whatever the ideals of the League of Nations proposal, it is clear that it will be a long time before they can be attained. Therefore the old methods of National and Imperial defence must still be maintained until such a time as the new conditions arising from a League of Nations are actually in operation. Even then the League of Nations has to prove its effectiveness, and this also is a matter of time. However perfect in theory, it is the practical results of the scheme which will demonstrate its worth as the greatest factor in the future international relations of the nations of the world. Until the League of Nations has stood the test of time, the old system must continue, and thus armies and navies must be maintained at least by the great nations. But it is, of course, with our own great Empire with which we are most concerned. After four years of war from which we have emerged victorious, and in which we have played the most glorious of parts, we find the British Empire in a position to which our former greatness seems very small. Before the war, we had the greatest Empire of all the nations, an Empire which spread throughout the four quarters of the globe, but we have an even prouder position now. We are one of the victorious Allied Powers which has saved the liberty of nations and which is about to reconstruct the world on new and nobler principles.

Until the League of Nations becomes more than a name, and has proved itself capable of conducting the affairs of the world, Britain, along with the other Allies, must be in a position to maintain peace by force of arms. For a time therefore the old system of armies and navies must be the means of safeguarding the peace of Europe, and the great question is asked "How are we to obtain a standing army?" Before the war we had a comparatively small army of regular professional soldiers. What has become of this army? In a war of such magnitude as the one we have just passed through, it was impossible for such a small army to survive, with the result that the present-day army is composed of an overwhelming extent of temporary soldiers, who must now return to take up again their pre-war civilian occupations in the industrial, commercial and professional life of the nation. According to the official figures, this army is at present being demobilised at the rate of thirty thousand daily, a figure which will be changed to forty thousand in a short time. It is obvious therefore that if this process is continued, we shall have no army at all in a few months. It must be remembered too that peace has not yet been signed, and that big forces are required to form an army of occupation of enemy countries to ensure the maintenance of law and order, and the faithful fulfilment of the peace terms by the enemy.

In a year or so we might once more have an army on the old voluntary system, but till that is accomplished, big organised forces must be maintained. They must be bigger, too, than our pre-war army, for, added to all our national and imperial demands are those resulting from our occupation of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey, wide regions in the Middle East, Africa and the Pacific. We shall, of course, only take a share in this work, but that share will be very great. We have, generally speaking, no regular army for these purposes, so it is vitally necessary to find one to cover the intervening period between the end of the war, and the formation of an army on the old voluntary system. For this purpose a big conference has taken place in Paris, at which proposals have been drawn up by which it is hoped that sufficient troops will be found to carry out the demands of the Empire, and safeguard British interests. The Navy is in a somewhat different position, as our standing Navy was always great, but here too the greatly increased requirements of the Empire must be met. Our desire for a return to a pre-war basis must not blind our eyes to the vital necessity of taking steps to defend our Empire, and to ensure that all the great sacrifices that we have made have not been in vain.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### SPREAD OF BOLSHIEVISM.

The other day we had something to say about the dangers of Bolshivism spreading to the Far East, being prompted in our remarks by the report that Chinese Bolshievist emissaries were being sent to this part of the world. We have just come across an interesting report which shows that fears in this direction were not ill-founded. Recently six Chinese reached the Manchurian frontier from Russia accompanied by a guard dressed in Czechoslovak uniforms. On the appearance of railway police, the latter made themselves very scarce and an examination of the belongings of the Chinese disclosed the possession of boxes and bags containing some six and a half million roubles. These Chinese were detained as possibly being the first batch of Bolshievist emissaries, while the so-called Czechs were, no doubt rightly, regarded as Bolshievists. An incident of this character shows the kind of propaganda that is being carried on by the Bolshievists, and though no great harm might have come of this particular movement—the Chinese would probably make themselves quite comfortable with the money—yet any large expansion of the plan might very well lead to disastrous results. These are days in which the whole world needs to be on its guard against the insidious ways of the Bolshievists.

#### THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

There is an acute famine, as Reuter tells us, in India. While the war has enriched the world with numerous discoveries, the genius of man has not as yet invented a process whereby we can control the weather, and thus assure good crops all round the year. Until such a discovery is made, India must go through her cycles of lean and fat years. In a country like India, the rains play a paramount part in ensuring the happiness and prosperity of the people. The agricultural situation throughout India continues to be gloomy. For weeks the country has been rainless, rain being badly needed everywhere. Standing crops are generally average on the irrigated and very poor on the unirrigated areas, and are withering in many places. There is a deficiency of fodder and as a result the cattle, on which the Indian *yaq* invests his cash, are dying rapidly. Fodder is being supplied to all affected districts by a Famine Fodder Controller. The situation is very gloomy, and Reuter informs us that among the measures taken to ameliorate it are the prohibition of the exportation of Indian grain, a favourable acquisition of most of the Burma rice crops and the importation of Australian wheat. Owing to the existing adverse agricultural position of India, every iota of exportable rice from Burma will be needed to feed the millions of India's population.

#### NECESSARY STEPS.

The price of rice has already been standardised and the restrictions on the export of cereals is a wise decision and a step in the right direction. Mr. M.S. Gubbay, C.S.I.C.I.E., I.C.S., the Food Commissioner for India, is a very far-seeing official, and has rendered yeoman services in connection with the control of wheat, his scheme to supply the Allies with India's wheat being voted a huge success. He, apparently, foresaw the famine in India for, in spite of the vituperation of the Burma Press and the rice merchants of that Province, he declined to release the restrictions on the export of the staple to other places than India. That step is amply justified at present. The closing of the Java and Far Eastern markets should no longer send the Rangoon rice merchants into a rage, for the opening of the Calcutta and Bombay markets—the latter of which was practically closed for want of tonnage—has counter-balanced it. The control of foodstuffs, we think, must be continued throughout the year if India is to be saved from a terrible famine, and what is more, tonnage at a possibly reduced freight should be granted for export to Indian ports and a facility for supplying railway waggons for foodstuffs and fodder at special rates must be made. While in an uncivilised country like Russia export of foodstuffs was prohibited in times of famine, India has not done previously. Mr. M.S. Gubbay is the *dux machinae* and there are great hopes that he will pull India out of the throes of the famine that is staring her in the face.

### DAY BY DAY.

#### EVERY UNPUNISHED DELINQUENCY HAS A FAMILY OF DELINQUENCIES.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3.3-18d.

During yesterday one non-fatal case of spotted fever was notified.

The Empress of Russia, which is making the trip via the Suez, is due here on February 12.

Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, went on leave by the a.s. Eclair.

From the Vacuum Oil Co. we have received two dainty wall calendars produced in the artistic style characteristic of those of previous years.

From Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons and Co. we have received two effective office calendars bearing a pretty coloured picture of a sailing vessel at sea.

We learn that all export of rice from Saigon has been prohibited and that any departure from this has to be sanctioned by the French Consul in Hongkong. It is said that \$9 per picul is being demanded and that the rice is being held up in anticipation of big purchases by the British Government for Chinese coolies in France.

The familiar Hongkong Directory, Diary and Blotter published by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., brought thoroughly up to date, has made its appearance once again. It contains much local information, including, besides lists of foreign firms and residents, a Peak Directory, while its make-up is such that it is without doubt the handiest and most useful office requisite issued in the Colony. It should find a place in the home also. Priced at \$3, it is more than worth the money, and will doubtless, as in former years, be much in demand.

This morning was exceptionally foggy and the "toot" of the ferry-boats was continuous up till 9 a.m., when the sun slowly dissipated the haze. Two of the "Star" Ferry boats narrowly escaped a collision at about 8 o'clock, when the ferry from Kowloon passed one from Hongkong by a hair's breadth. Most of the ferries were late, necessitating an extra one being put on the run. The journey, which ordinarily is done in nine minutes, this morning took over a quarter of an hour. Nevertheless, the fog was nothing compared to what we experienced last year, when ferries went out of their way altogether.

We have read in works of fiction of dead men coming to life, and we had an illustration of it to-day at the Magistracy. Inspector Macdonald appeared to prosecute in a case in which a man was charged, on remand, with committing a daring robbery. Along with him was charged another man, who is at present in hospital suffering from a serious wound. "That man is dead," said Mr. Wood. "He is more alive than dead," replied the Inspector. "But I read that in the newspaper," said Mr. Wood. "That's incorrect," was the rejoinder. A good motto in life: Believe one-eighth of what you hear, a quarter of what you read, and half of what you see.

Mrs. Milroy has just sent a draft of \$32 13s. 1d. to the Weekly Dispatch Tobacco Fund, this representing the last batch of subscriptions secured by means of the "Khaki Bag." The little bag is now finally closed, after having been instrumental in securing a total of \$605 17s. 7d. Mrs. Milroy first began collecting with the bag in December, 1914, and the splendid result which has been obtained, assuring happiness to many war-worn soldiers, is a striking example of what personal initiative can accomplish. She wishes to express her warmest thanks to all who have so generously contributed to the fund. This final draft goes to the management of the Fund with a request that the money be spent in smoke for men in hospital.

### MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

#### [BY "ENHARMONIC."]

Optimistic views of Britain's musical future are expressed by people who should know, at home, but it is considered that reconstruction will take time. The opinion is expressed that there will not be as many concerts as before the war but those that will take place will be better and there are many signs that the demand for good music will increase.

Judging from reports in Home newspapers, there certainly appears to have been an attempt to force upon the public super-modern music, if I may coin the term, which is acceptable only to the minority. Choral music appears to have been sadly left out in the cold and in view of the fact that the English are admitted to be the finest choral singers in the world, such a state of affairs should be remedied forthwith. It is good healthy music that is wanted, not the outpourings of melancholy melody in a multiplicity of minor keys at one and the same time that characterise the compositions of some of the ultra modernists.

Speaking, or rather writing, of choral music, reminds me of that great enthusiast, Carter, who did so much for English choral singing nearly three decades ago. Carter's Choir, which used to perform at the Oratorio and at St. Patrick's Day and St. Andrew's Day and other festivals at the Albert Hall, in those days, gained worldwide fame. The Choir, which comprised about three hundred voices, was organised and trained by Carter at his own expense. True, the vocalists gave their services free but they received free training and many of them could not read a note of music. Carter's only stipulation was a really good natural voice and he did the rest. The Choir's rendering of the Hallelujah Chorus was considered to be the finest choral performance ever heard at that period.

Those were grand times of vocal music and associated with them are the names of Sims Reeves, Signor Foli, Dalgely Henderson, Ivor Macay, Antonette Stirling, Princess Ti Ranji Pai, Esther Palliser, Bella, Cole, Alice Gomez, Clara Butt and a host of others.

It is just fifty years ago that Rossini died. He composed between forty and fifty operas but to all intents and purposes, only "The Barber of Seville" can really be said to have survived. One occasionally hears of the "Stabat Mater" being given in choral form (it is an opera, not religious music as commonly supposed) and the "William Tell" overture is occasionally played by military and other bands, but his other works are to all intents and purposes dead.

The Society of American Singers of New York recently devoted its attention to a revival of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," at the Park Theatre, and so well was the production received that all other fixtures were abandoned for the time being.

I learn that Dr. Walford Davies has been appointed to the position of Director of Music in the University of Wales. Walford Davies has been doing good work in organising concerts for soldiers during the war, and has occupied the position of organist at the Temple Church for some time past. Congratulations!

I was quite surprised to learn recently that Kubelik is a Czechoslovak by birth. I had always understood him to be a Bohemian. However, there was some excuse for my mistake for my informant told me that when Kubelik married he had to adopt Hungarian nationality, to which his wife, the Countess Czaky, belongs, for the purpose of legalising property transfers. I also learned that the greater percentage of prominent stringed instrument players are of Czech origin.

### COMPANY MEETING.

#### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. was held to-day at 11.30 a.m. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., when there were present Messrs. S. H. Dodwell (Chairman), J. Jonckheer, A. O. Lang, S. Yasuda, W. Adamson and A. E. Crapnell (Consulting Committee), G. Morton Smith (Secretary), W. E. Clarke, A. Ritchie and G. C. Maxon (shareholders).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$27,646.14, some \$7,000 less than last year, but considering the very large withdrawal of tonnage from the port, both liner and coasting, for the purposes of the war, and the fact that we have not asked our customers to pay more for their water supplies, I do not think the result can be considered as unsatisfactory. Added to the dearth of shipping in the port, the high cost of coal during the year has caused your General Managers some anxiety, but by exercising economy, so far as it was advisable, in all departments, this critical year has been comparatively safely negotiated. You will see that, thanks to the profit of \$9,000 on the sale of No. 5 Waterboat, the last of the old ones, which was fortunately disposed of at the right moment, the amount available for distribution is larger than last year, namely \$51,700.70 as against \$50,403.75 and I trust that your will approve of the allocation recommended.

With regard to the \$9,000 it is recommended should be Special Repairs Account, I would explain that the necessity for this provision is due to the postponement of a certain amount of replating of some of the boats on account of the present abnormally high cost of material. All the boats have been well kept up, but a certain amount of replating will be necessary within the next year or so. Your superintendents reports that there is no immediate necessity for the work being carried out, but in the circumstances your General Managers and Consulting Committee consider it essential that provision should be made for repairs which, under normal conditions, might have been carried out this year. I am pleased to say that there is no necessity this year to write off anything account investments, which stand in your books below their market value. I think, gentlemen, that is all the comment that is necessary, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated.

Captain W. E. Clarke, in seconding the proposal, said:—I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. I am sure that all the shareholders will be satisfied with the earnings made, considering the times we have passed through. The dearth of shipping in the harbour last year has decreased the earnings of the Company very much. It is due to the General Managers and the Consulting Committee that we passed successfully through such times. I have pleasure in seconding the report and accounts.

This was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

In was proposed by Mr. A. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. W. Adamson, and unanimously carried, that Mr. C. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$200 a year.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were now ready, and could be had on application.

New York is at present giving a good deal of attention to the French composers. A season was opened with the masterpiece of the greatest of modern French composers—Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah." "Thaïs," "Faust" and "Carmen" are also receiving attention. French music has been sadly neglected in the past and it is good to observe that New York managers have decided to remedy this.

### SYKORA-SKLAR EVSKI CONCERT.

#### AN UNPARALLELED SUCCESS.

Almost every seat in the Theatre Royal was occupied last night, when the first concert of their season was given by M. Sklarevski (Piano) and M. Sykora (Cello). His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and party occupied seats in the Dress Circle. Before dealing with the programme it is worthy of remark that the stage was arranged in a very artistic manner and there is not the slightest doubt that the surroundings, with the subdued light, added greatly to the atmosphere of repose which characterised the playing of the two musicians throughout.

The programme was opened with Beethoven's Sonata (opus 69) for piano and cello. The Sonata contains four movements—Allegro, Scherzo, Adagio-Cantabile, Allegro vivace,—and it is a composition which many players spoil by making one of either instrument too prominent, but the rendering of the Sonata by M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora last night was little short of a revelation. It was a marvel of unified expression, colouring, phrasing and balance. Not in a single instance did either player exceed the bounds of restraint for which the composition offers so much temptation. The piece did not call for any particular effort in technique (so far as that may be said of such compositions and such players); rather did it require abnormal phrasing powers, and, as presented last night, the work was perfect. Practically the same may be said of the Tchaikowski variations on a theme, of which there are seven movements, with the exception that great executive powers were demanded, but the players found no difficulty; their rendering was flawless.

In his solo items, M. Sykora satisfied all that his reputation, lavishly as it was referred to in Press notices, had not been placed on too high a plane. To him such players as van Bieze, Guilhermina Suggia, and Squires must take second place. Lightness, repose, dignity, control of form, energy of execution, grandeur of cadence, are the only terms that can attempt to define this marvellous cellist. His double stopping in all positions was such as many who claim to have heard the world's best players, could not truthfully assert they had heard better, and his harmonics were as clear, as liquid and as perfect as if played on the open string. M. Sykora has been called the Mische Elman of the cello. It is not too extravagant to say that he combines all the powers of any known violinist that can possibly be spoken of as analogous to cello playing. He played the most difficult passages with utmost grace and ease, never straining for effect, and in the allegro passages his stopping was perfect. One could go on writing indefinitely in this strain and then fall short of adequate description. The genius must be heard to gather any idea of his wonderful powers.

On the piano, M. Sklarevski shows us a new individuality. He is subdued to a degree, and he secures his effects without effort. He seems to almost caress the keys of the piano and the wonderful melody and fullness of tone he draws from the instrument with such apparent little effort is extraordinary. But he has the power, when required, as exemplified in his playing of the Resurrection Polonaise (Chopin, A flat major). He gave quite a distinct interpretation of the composition as compared to what we have heard before in the Colony, particularly in the second movement, in which he was somewhat more energetic than is usually heard. In the return to the first movement his wonderful technique was shown, and he played the majestic chords, which most players are compelled to slur, in a clear and distinct manner which was little short of marvellous. Another side of his temperament was exhibited in the Etude, which M. Sklarevski rendered with grace and depth of meaning that would have delighted Chopin himself.

No praise is to high for these two wonderful men and, although the remark has so often been repeated, it is not the least exaggeration to say that the Colony has never heard anything like them. They are artists that would create a sensation in London where the critics are, perhaps, the most exacting in the world, and those who wish to hear them should book seats at once for next Tuesday's concert; otherwise they will certainly have to stand.



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## COMPANY REPORT.

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The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

The profit on working was \$969,048.24 as compared with \$873,141.67 in 1917.

The net profit for the year after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, contributing \$5,000.00 to War Charities, and paying for repairs is \$880,956.76. The amount brought forward from last year is \$275,183.20 making a total of \$1,156,140.96 available for appropriation. The directors recommend the following:—

\$6 per share ...	\$360,000.00
To pay bonus of \$4 per share ...	240,000.00
To write off Launches ...	5,000.00
To write off Lights ...	25,000.00
To write off Machinery and Plant ...	12,125.00
To write off Kowloon Wharves ...	50,000.00
To write off West Point Wharf ...	500.00
To write off Railways and Rolling Stock ...	23,000.00
To transfer to Reserve Fund ...	400,000.00
To carry forward to new account	40,523.96
	<b>\$1,156,140.96</b>

Directors.—During the year Mr. A. H. Compton retired and his place was taken by Hon. Mr. E. Shellim. Hon. Mr. E. Shellim resigned later and his place was taken by Mr. A. H. Compton. Messrs. A. O. Lang and E. V. D. Parr retire according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

DAVID LANDALE,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 23rd Jan. 1919.

## CRICKET.

## UNIVERSITY v. K. C. C.

To be played on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 1.15 p.m. on the University ground. The University team is as follows:—A. H. Rumball (Capt.), R. A. Ponsonby, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Wright, W. Gittens, K. S. Lim, D. K. Samy, M. P. Chos, T. L. Cheah, R. A. Bato and G. E. Marley. Scorer:—Chan Sai Woo.

## FANE'S XI.

The following will represent the Club on their ground on Monday, 3rd February, at 10 a.m.:—T. E. Pearce (Captain), Lt. Col. Coles, F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. Gray, E. W. Hamilton, P. Jacks, Capt. Murray, Asst. Paym. Robinson, F. Sutton and R. P. Thurstfield.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FOOTBALL MATTERS.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir, With regard to your comments on football matters which appeared in your columns last evening, I was much surprised at the news contained therein, and gather that the person making the statements must have had "inside knowledge" and was a little previous in publishing same.

I understand that the decisions which were arrived at, (and published in the Telegraph) will have to be brought before a meeting of the H.K.F.A. to be confirmed, or otherwise, as only this body can deal with the question, according to rule.

Yours etc.

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Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1919.

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## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

## SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

There will be one Senior League match on Saturday that between the R. A. and R. E. in the United Services League and this match will probably be played on the Club ground. The Club match arranged for Saturday has had to be postponed as Clark, McCubbin and Black are all on the injured list and Hamilton and Rodger are not available and without these men the Club could not turn out an XI as they have no Reserve Club. The 2nd Division matches are of an interesting nature and unless some holiday form is experienced Kowloon ought to beat the 57th Coy., and 58th Coy. should go down to the 83rd after the fine show made by the latter against the Navy Reserves last week. The Staffs make a reappearance after being off for some weeks and should have no trouble in beating the Navy Reserves. The teams and officials are as follow:—

U. S. League.—R. E. v. R. A. Kick-off 4 p.m., Mr. Tucker referee.  
2nd Division League.—Kick-off 2.30 p.m.—57th Coy. v. Kowloon, referee Mr. Emery; 83rd Coy. v. 58th Coy., referee Mr. Townsend; Navy Reserves v. Staffs and Depots, referee Mr. Praggall.

## GARRISON BILLIARDS.

R. G. A. v. the R. E.

The final games between these two teams were played, last night, at the Soldiers' Club, and resulted in a win for the R. G. A., who are now in the semi-final. The winners had the distinction of securing every game. The game was between Gnr. Nevin and Spr. Beall, the former winning by 77 and the best breaks were: Gnr. Nevin, of the R.G.A.—26, 24, 21, while Sapper Beall of the Engineers, made a break of 25.

Last night the 57th Company, R.G.A., opened their match with the Manchesters, Bombardier Sheppard losing to Sergeant Marshall by 64 points. This match will be continued to-night.

The scores of the two teams in the concluded match were as follows:—

R. G. A.	
Sgt. Haakings	200
Gnr. Curtis	200
Gnr. Donaldson	200
Gnr. Donnelly	200
Sgt. Davis	200
C. Q. M. S. Barker	200
Gnr. Nevin	200
Sgt. Drummond	200
	1,600
R. E.	
Sgt. Heath	178
2nd Corp. Tindley	147
Sgt. Bell	191
Corp. Townsend	172
C. Q. M. S. White	182
C. Q. M. S. Martin	189
Spr. Beall	123
C. Q. M. S. Wilson	151
	1,333

## WORK BAGS FOR SIBERIA.

## A HONGKONG APPEAL.

In answer to an urgent appeal from Vladivostok, Mrs. Stabb asked the ladies present at the meeting yesterday at Government House, kindly presided over by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, to give towards a fund for supplying work-bags fitted with scissors, thimbles, needles, pins, cotton, buttons, tapes, etc. to be sent to the refugee women in Siberia.

The Allied Red Cross Commission in Vladivostok are anxious to start the women working—enabling them to earn a little money and to make for themselves and their children the garments that they know are most suitable. Some cases of material are promised by the Committee of the Hongkong Branch, Queen's Mary's Needlework Guild, and the appeal to the ladies yesterday morning resulted in an instant response of \$100.00, representing 100 bags. Mrs. Stabb is most grateful and thanks the generous donors warmly. She would be glad to still more money sent to her at the Hongkong Bank or 117 The Peak—every dollar means a bag—and every bag means work for one or more women.

In view of the congestion at Vladivostok, it is thought best to send this consignment direct to Tokyo, whence it will be carried by the W. M. C. A. and handed personally to the Allied Red Cross in Vladivostok.

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## JAPANESE IN AMERICA.

A Washington message says that in the course of an interpellation brought forward by Mr. Lewis in the Senate, the Senator suggested that America should conclude a satisfactory agreement with Japan regarding the latter's claim to equal treatment for her people with that extended to other nations. He said, that America was nevertheless well advised to reserve to herself the

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right of giving citizenship to Japanese. Senator Hitchcock, speaking on the same subject, declared that the question, which was domestic by nature, ought not to be discussed before the League of Nations question was solved.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## BELFAST SHIPYARD FIRE.

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## CHINA COAST GAZETTE.

Mr. J. Gray, of the Suiwo, is on reserve. Captain J. M. Smith, of the Wosang, has gone master, Suiwo. Mr. H. C. Atkinson, chief officer, Kutwo, has gone acting master, Wosang. Mr. A. Dockwrey, chief officer, Suiwo, has gone chief officer, Wosang. Mr. F. C. Everett, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Suiwo. Mr. A. C. Dobbie, acting chief officer, Wosung, is on reserve. Mr. R. F. Sheel, chief officer, Tungchow, has gone chief officer, Wosung. Mr. E. Grandison, second officer, Chiuen, has gone second officer, Kiangteen. Mr. J. Turner has been appointed second engineer, Kwangtsh.

## FLOATING MINES.

It is anticipated that it will be some time before the risks from floating mines are eliminated. In home waters the mine peril is still serious, and though every effort is being made to clear them, the Admiralty has deemed it necessary to issue a warning to shipmasters, urging them to see that they have the latest instructions. The Admiralty is calling for volunteers to clear up British and German minefields. All officers of all ranks and service denominations will receive £4 per week extra pay, C.P.O.'s and P.O.'s will receive £2 10s., and all other ratings £2. £1 for each British moored mine and £10 for each German mine will be paid, the total earned by each side to be pooled among officers and men alike.

## CUNARD LOSSES.

On the outbreak of the war the Cunard fleet of vessels over 10,000 gross tons amounted to 233,931 tons; its present list of such vessels is only 141,005. This represents a diminution of almost 50 per cent. The Anchor Line, a subsidiary of the Cunard Company, has also lost heavily through the war. The losses of the Anchor Line total 55,488 gross tons. Among the vessels lost was the Tuscania, 14,240 gross tons. She was torpedoed last February when carrying American troops. The loss of life was over two hundred. In spite of its heavy losses, the Cunard with its subsidiary companies will, it is well understood, make a bold bid to retain ocean supremacy in passenger traffic. While pre-eminently a passenger line, the war has brought the Cunard Company considerable experience in the operation of cargo vessels.

## CONTINUED ACTIVITY

## ANTICIPATED.

Dry dock owners and ship-repairers anticipate a continuance of exceptional activity for at least the next two years. There are a very large number of vessels awaiting repairs at the present time, it being estimated that on Oct. 17th there were no less than 339 vessels in dry dock or about receiving their repairs. The bulk of this huge business was done in the South Wales district owing to other districts being engaged upon the construction of vessels rather than ship repairs. For many months past only repairs sufficient for a vessel's safe navigation were undertaken, with the consequence that a vast number of steamers require overhauling. Dry dock owners and ship-repairers, therefore, are making arrangements to deal with the heavy amount of work which is anticipated will last for a considerable period. In February of next year it is hoped that additional dry-dock space will be available by the completion of the new dry dock at Swansea and at Newport. The dry dock at the latter port has been made by the conversion of a disused port entrance, and at present there is a heavy damage repair in hand undergoing completion at the same time as the dry dock. The proprietors, Messrs. C. M. Bailey, are rapidly erecting new shops and offices around this new dock.

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SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 7th Feb. at noon.
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## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's College is taking place this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, C.M.G.) is performing the ceremony, prior to which the following programme is to be presented:—Overture, Prof. Gonzales; chorus, "Ye Mariners of England," the College Choir; recitation, dialogue—"What we won't be," Masters A. Johnson, C. da Silva, D. Montalto, G. Noronha, George Fung, E. Carvalho, C. Osmund, W. Urquhart; quartette, "Larboard Watch," Masters M. Silva, C. Osmund, A. M. Xavier, and G. Silva; piano, Masters M. Silva and E. Carvalho; recitation, "The Destruction of Pompeii," Master A. M. Xavier; chorus, "The Professor and L.L.D.," the College Choir; violin solo, Prof. Gonzales.

## THE REPORT.

The following is the annual report of the Brother Director:—Before submitting my report on the work accomplished during the year, I consider it a very pleasant duty to welcome Your Excellency and to express my great appreciation of the honour of your presence to-day. The school year under review has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the College since its foundation in 1873. After the earthquake shocks the Colony experienced in February last, two-thirds of the main College fabric were declared unsafe, and orders were issued by the Building Authority to vacate the wings and to commence the overhauling of the building within six months. How to carry on the work of the school during the renovation of that large structure was a problem difficult of solution. For the remainder of the scholastic year the boarders were housed in some of the new rooms, and the classes taught in four different places. The old German Club, which the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton had kindly placed at my disposal from month to month having been found suitable for the reorganisation of our work, its acquisition by the Society of the Christian Brothers was forthwith decided upon. In less than four months this five-storied edifice was converted into a most serviceable school-building and our work fully reorganised for the beginning of the current school year. It is clear that this is a central locality, and I may say that the work is now carried on under better conditions than before. Under ordinary circumstances this well-ventilated hall accommodates the boarders' beds, and it is not surprising if Dr. Strahan certifies that the dormitories are in a thoroughly satisfactory and sanitary condition. At present the higher classes are taught here, and the lower in the annexe to the old College building (Robinson Road) which was completed in October 1917. In his annual report Mr. Ralphs states that it is in every respect suitable as a school building, and is well furnished. Two small divisions of Classes 5 and 6 are taught in Kowloon. The numbers are practically those of the last four years: viz., 540 on roll as compared with 554 in 1917. To 540 must be added the 50 pupils attending the Kowloon branch opened in September 1917. The annual inspection was held in May. Many pupils were absent on account of the influenza epidemic, as had also been the case during the early months of the year owing to the outbreak of spotted fever. The Inspector of English Schools reported the equipment satisfactory, the discipline very good, and the staff adequate

according to code requirement. During the great war, three Brothers and one assistant Master, Mr. G. Briscoe, responded to their country's call in the hour of need. In his report the Inspector of English Schools notes that, with the exception of two classes, where more attention to vocal sounds is necessary, Reading was generally very good. Written work was examined in all classes and found to be very good except in one class. In many classes a high standard is taken, especially in Composition. As in previous years, all exercise books are regularly corrected by the Masters and inspected by the Director. Test examinations are held at stated times during the year, and detailed reports regularly submitted to the parents of the pupils. The results of the public examinations were on the whole satisfactory. Out of 31 candidates who entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local in 1917, 26 passed. In 1918, the examination was held in September. Some of the candidates from the outposts could not be here in time to take it. The results which came to hand last week show that 20 passed, five with 3rd Class Honours. 20 candidates were successful in the Junior Local. They were awarded three distinctions. Out of 31 presented, only two failed in the English Section which comprises Dictation, Grammar, Composition and Literature. Six passed the Matriculation, and five the Senior Local. Nine failed. In the Pitman's Shorthand Examinations two obtained a second-class certificate, and 17 a third-class. The type-writing class is well attended. Chinese is taught to all the Chinese boys in accordance with the code. Chow Fung To passed with distinction the Chinese test in the Junior Local. French or Portuguese is now taught to the pupils of European parentage in Classes 1 to 1, from three to five hours a week. Rev. Father B. da Silva has been in charge of the Portuguese Class since September last. An analysis of the numbers and results of the Senior Class students for the last four years will enable you to judge how the College stands with regard to higher education. 77 candidates were presented for the Matriculation and Senior Local; 52 passed, two with honours. 23 of the students were Portuguese, 25 Chinese, 16 Indians, and 13 of British, French or Spanish nationality. Ten of those who matriculated are pursuing their studies in the Faculties of the Local University, and two or three in foreign universities. The proportion of matriculated students who continue their studies is fairly satisfactory, but far too many of our pupils leave from Classes 1 and 3, corresponding to the old 5th and 6th Standards respectively. Their education is so incomplete and so limited, that they will have but few opportunities and command very small salaries. In the words of a well-known educationist (Sir James Yoxall M.P.), "It was because the children of the working classes left school at the early age of 14 that they had such poor chances in the competition of life." And he is right. Teachers must exercise the faculties and impart formation and power; but in the light of experience we all know that very little power can be imparted to a child's mind before he is 14. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the numbers in the high classes are increasing year by year. There are 145 in Classes 1, 2 and 3 this year. In the Hongkong School Football League, the College came second; and in the Hongkong School Sports our athletes won the quarter mile, the half mile, and the team races. The College team which was entered for the Junior Hongkong League did creditably. This

year the team has won the Junior League. Football remains the boys' favourite game, however both day boys and boarders avail themselves to the full of the lower tennis court in our new grounds. The larger upper court which unfortunately has already been stripped of its turf is used for various games, but chiefly for inter-class football competitions by the younger boys. It is far too small for regular football games. On account of the abnormal conditions which prevailed almost all through the year, the College annual athletic meeting was not held. Empire Day was celebrated as well as ever. Mr. Ralphs gave out the prizes provided by the Old Boys' Association, and in the course of his address to the students he said: "I take the opportunity of congratulating St. Joseph's College upon the patriotic spirit shown annually in its celebration of Empire Day." We gratefully remember that two years ago, Mrs. Li Shek Pang & Sons donated \$12,000 and that various benefactors subscribed over \$2,000 towards the completion of the annexe which proved such a boon when the old building was condemned. Memorial tablets will be erected as promised as soon as future plans are definitely settled. During the past few months alteration of a sanitary block have involved considerable expenditure. Funds will also be needed to equip a laboratory for the teaching of elementary science. We also want a gymnasium, and a large playground for both day-scholars and boarders. We feel confident that as in the past the generous assistance of the Government and of the friends and promoters of education will enable us to carry out the necessary improvements. Before concluding I beg leave to recall the memory of the Founder of the Christian Brothers—St. John Baptist de la Salle—whose statue now adorns the Hall of this building. This year will see the 2nd centenary of his death at Rouen on the 7th April, 1710. Born at Rheims in 1651, he was the Apostle of Popular Education in the 17th century, and to-day his disciples continue his work in all the countries of the world, conducting no fewer than 1,500 schools and colleges. The words of St. Valentine Control in a recent issue of the London Times are remarkable:—"We must shrink from no sacrifice to improve our methods of education," wrote St. Valentine, "and must carry into practice the principle that the formation of character on a sound moral basis is as important educationally as the development of the intellect." The Brothers have been working on these lines for 240 years in accordance with the rules laid down by their founder. It now remains for me to thank Your Excellency very much for having come to present the prizes to the pupils. To our benefactors and contributors to the Prize Fund I beg to offer the expression of my gratitude. I also thank you, my Lord, ladies and gentlemen, for the honour of your presence to-day.

## DONORS OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

The donors of Scholarships and Prizes were:—His Lordship Bishop D. Pozzoni, the Belilios Scholarships (Senior and Junior), the Lugard Scholarship, Sir Hormusjee Nowrojee Mody's Gold Medal, Li Shek Pang's Gold Medal, Three Old Boys' Scholarships, Bro. Peter's Memorial Scholarship, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Messrs. C. Montague Ede, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Wing, Hon. Mr. Lan Pak, J. M. E. Machado, Hon. Mr. R. Sheehan, J. M. Noronha, E. J. Stabb, F. Tse Yat, C. E. Warren, Chan Kai Ming, and Jos. V. Channtong.

## UNION CHURCH.

## PRESENTATION TO THE PASTOR.

The semi-jubilee of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's ministry was last night marked by the presentation of a silver tea service and tray to him and Mrs. Macdonald as a token of the appreciation of his flock.

Mr. A. Mackenzie, in making the presentation, said the gifts which the seatholders of the Union Church had asked the reverend gentleman to accept were in no way the measure of their appreciation of him as a man or as a minister, but they would be a simple memorial to him of an interesting occasion, a stage of life's journey accomplished and of a milestone reached. The Rev. Mr. Macdonald, he said, was a much appreciated man by his congregation and the community generally. He expressed the hope that he would be blessed with health and strength to carry on his work amongst them.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said he was much more used to presiding over occasions when he was asked to make presentations than to accept them himself. He found himself very short of words to say what he would like to say. The present occasion caused a reminder that time was passing and it was 25 years ago that he was retained to the full charge of a congregation. It was 25 years since his initiation, and now they took notice of it. He did expect that they would take it in any way like this. Before his initiation he celebrated his wedding; therefore, it was also his silver wedding. A Scotchman never tells his wife what he thinks of her. He thought he would make a great mistake if he did not say that if he was able to achieve in the course of his work success, a great deal of it was due to the wisdom and unfailing loyalty of the partner of his life. If he were to begin with the reminiscences of his 25 years' ministry it would be another 25 years before the congregation got home (Laughter). Those 25 years had been a very important period in the life of the church and the nation. He had received very great support and kindness from Christian workers in Hongkong, and he took this opportunity of saying that the kindly and appreciative feelings towards him were fully returned by himself. His prayer was that they together may be able to make progress and that their lives may be of greater service to our fellow-citizens. The Union Church was in its 75th year. He did not know how many of them were acquainted with this fact. Seventy-five years was a long time. He thought they should mark it. It was a diamond jubilee. At any rate, if it was not that, it was three-quarters of a century. He had an idea in his mind how to celebrate it. It was not the new pulpit. That was too small would deprive them of the treasure they had given him. He hoped that whatever the thieves took from his house, they would not take the tea service from him. They were simple folks and they would try to do their best. (Laughter and applause). He very heartily thanked the congregation. He said his wife also thanked them as well.

Mr. E. J. Chapman, organist, wrote apologising for his inability to attend. He expressed the choir's high appreciation of Mr. Macdonald, and added his own feeling of high regard for the minister as a fearless, outspoken and courteous gentleman, to which was joined a cultured style and a mastery of English not always met with in a preacher. Any subject he touched was expressed with convincing clarity, notably treatment of the war and of the peculiar problems met with in the East. The Church and the Colony were richer for having such a man in their midst. (Applause).

Hongkong, January 30, 1919.

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## FOREIGN TROOPS IN CHINA.

## QUESTION OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

Public opinion in China is earnestly demanding the withdrawal from Peking and other towns in China, of the foreign garrisons which have been stationed there since the conclusion of the treaty between China and the Powers in 1900, following the Boxer War, and it is expected that the Chinese Government will shortly take up the matter with a view of demanding from the Powers the withdrawal of their troops, according to the Tokyo Asahi.

There were seven Powers maintaining garrisons in China—Japan, Great Britain, America, France, Italy, Germany and Russia. The latter two Germany and Russia, withdrew their troops during the war, so that there are at present the garrisons of five Powers in China, each consisting of nearly 1,000 men. The purpose of stationing these troops in China originally was to protect the legations of the respective Powers against another possible uprising of the anti-foreign element. The Chinese public, however, is insisting strongly that the cultural development of the country has already made such foreign garrisons unnecessary.

It is alleged, says the Asahi, that Powers, still doubtful about the ability of the Chinese authorities to protect the safety of the foreign residents in China, will not consent to the request, even if it be presented. The paper reports that the request will be among those made by the Chinese peace delegation at the forthcoming Versailles Conference.

## RICE FOR BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

Regarding Japan's and England's request for special permission to export a certain quantity of rice from China, the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has already decided to submit the matter to the Kus Wu Yuan for consideration. According to the standing regulations, an export duty at the rate of one dollar is to be levied on each picul of rice.

## TIENTSIN CHARITY SALE.

The French Ladies in Tientsin have held a Charity Sale for the benefit of the French war-maimed soldiers, which brought in a total of \$5,121.17. The total expenses being \$700.95, the net proceeds remain at the sum of \$4,420.22. Consequently a cheque of Francs 21,172.85 has just been sent to Mr. Maurice Barres, in Paris, for the Maimed Soldiers' Fund.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 28th January, 1919, to Friday, 14th February, 1919, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1919.

## EXCHANGE.

### SELLING.

T/T Demand	3/3	3/16
30 d/s	3/3	5/16
60 d/s	3/3	7/16
4 m/s	3/3	9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.	
T/T Singapore	138 1/4	
T/T Japan	149	
T/T India	Nom.	
Demand, India	Nom.	
T/T San Francisco	77 1/4	
co & New York	182 1/4	
T/T Java	N. m.	
T/T Manila	432	
T/T France	42 1/4	
Demand, Paris	42 1/4	

### BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3/4 3/4
4 m/s. D/P	3/4 3/4
6 m/s. L/C	3/4 3/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3/4 3/4
30 d/s. San Francisco co & New York	78 3/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	43 1/4
6 m/s. France	44 1/4
Demand, Germany	77 1/4
Demand, New York	Nom.
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Den and, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	157
Demand, Singapore	138 1/4
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